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lobbyists on the side of the utilities, you've got lobbyists on the side of the cities. And you mean to tell me that those two sides or not one of those two sides thought about the issues that divide them at this point?

SENATOR QUANDAH: No, I guess I wouldn't say that because what the catalyst was, frankly, was Senator Landis a week or two ago basically saying, look, kids, you're going to have to get in a room together and talk about this. And so I give a lot of the credit to Senator Landis.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So they, to use the "Buffett formula", they predicted the flood while they were in the room, but they didn't build an ark. Is that true?

SENATOR QUANDAH: I guess my friend, Senator Erdman, said it sounds to me like the ark is already built. The ark is built. We're just deciding where the animals go.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, when you say animals, are those the issues that are disagreed on at this point?

SENATOR QUANDAH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then not where the animals go but which animals go, would you agree? Senator Beutler just made an error. He said two of each kind. With some animals it was two of each kind; with others it was seven. Check it out. I just thought I'd throw that out. Senator Quandahl, why did they not work these things out before today, the two sides, not the issues that I'm raising?

SENATOR QUANDAH: I don't know if I have an answer for that other than...I don't know if I could answer that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is going to happen if this bill goes to Select File that is different from the circumstances that exist now other than the fact that they would have gotten the bill over the highest hurdle? What is going to happen that will make them come to an accord after General File when they haven't reached one at this point?